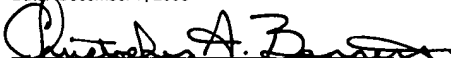


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000, the period for response to which has been extended to December 7, 2000, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14-16 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 2, line 2, after "the" insert --plurality of--.

Claim 9, line 3, change "windings" to --winding turns--.